# **Supportive Technology Services**

Through the Technology Forward Initiative, the Department of Developmental Services (DDS) will promote the use of *Supportive Technology*. People with disabilities will have an opportunity to use Supportive Technology to live more inclusive and independent lives.

Supportive Technology services offers individuals the opportunity to use Assistive Technology (AT) exclusively or in combination with Remote Supports & Monitoring (RSM) to maximize their potential.

# ASSISTIVE TECHNOLOGY (AT) SERVICES

- Assistive technology consultation/evaluation is a review of your wants and needs. This is done to identify what AT you could use. The evaluation will be completed by one or all of the following professionals:
- A licensed professional including OT, PT, SLP
- A certified AT Professional (ATP)

They will meet you in your home, workplace, or wherever you will use the AT.

- Assistive technology devices are the equipment or devices recommended through the AT evaluation. DDS covers the cost if you cannot afford, or if the item is not insurance billable.
- Assistive technology support is the set-up of AT equipment, education, and training to help you use assistive technology.



Any piece of equipment or device used to improve the capabilities of people with disabilities.



# **ASSISTIVE TECHNOLOGY CENTERS**

#### Services offered include but not limited to:

- Seating and mobility assessments and clinic
- Home safety evaluations
- Adaptive equipment modification and fabrication
- 3D printing

- Wheelchair repair and modifications
- Adaptive clothing design and creation
- Adaptive equipment design

## AT Center Locations

Northeast Region	Southeast Region	Central West Region	
450 Maple Street	131 Emerald Street	15 Atwood Drive	324 Clark Street
Danvers, MA 01937	Wrentham, MA 02093	Northampton, MA 01060	Worcester, MA 01606

## REMOTE SUPPORTS & MONITORING SERVICES

**Remote Supports and Monitoring (RSM)** is a new service. You use a tablet, laptop, or other device to communicate with a staff person when you want. You can get support to work towards your goals. Staff can also respond to your safety needs when needed.

This service will allow you to be more independent.

## **GETTING STARTED**

Do you want to live more independently or not have to rely on someone else to do something for you? TALK WITH YOUR SERVICE COORDINATOR. Ask about how Assistive Technology (AT) and Remote Supports and Monitoring (RSM) can help you.

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